

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am a married, single head of household father of two (and we vote). My wife and I have Tracfone's that we have for mostly emergency use. We use each phone a couple of hours a year. None of the major cell providers have a solution that suites our needs. We dropped Cingular because we were able to get two phones with a year of service for less than the annual cost of single phone from cingular with basic service.

There are a lot of people in this country that need a low-cost/low-usage solution that allows them to keep connected with their children and parents in case of emergency.

This certainly seems like nothing more than the cell providers and high-volume businesses working the system together so 'pay as you go' providers like tracfone are less competitive (fee increases) and rates for businesses are lower.

Sounds like it's time to get the voice over IP users to start paying their fair share...

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Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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